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REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are presently in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 19 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The Examiner alleges that the limitation introduced in claims 19 and 33, namely “wherein said layer of protective material is a liquid material” appears to be incompatible with claims 16 and 32, which state “wherein said protective layer is in a solid state”. The full citation from claims 19 and 33 is actually “wherein said layer of protective material is a liquid material that becomes solid at room temperature”. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that there is no incompatibility between claims 19 and 33, and claims 16 and 32, respectively.

Claims 32-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for being non-compliant with the enablement requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The Examiner alleges that claims 32-43 contain subject-matter which is not described in the specification, namely “a protective layer of material substantially filling said packaging”. The Applicant believes that the subject-matter recited in claims 32-43 is fully supported by the specification and particularly by Figure 8 and the text accompanying this figure. An example of a “protective layer of material substantially filling said packaging” can be found in Figure 8. The following passage can be found at page 9, line 30 to page 10, line 1: “Fig. 8 shows how such a chip with protected microstructures could be embedded within an injection-molded plastic package. The bonding wires extend through the plastic to make contact with external electric circuitry.”. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 32-43 are fully supported by the specification.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in claim 32, namely “a protective layer of material substantially filling said packaging”. The Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 8 fully shows the “protective

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layer of material substantially filling said packaging". As per the statements made above, the passage found at page 9, line 30 to page 10, line 1 is evidence of this.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all rejections have been overcome and early and favorable notice is earnestly solicited.

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